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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

APPLICANTS: Dirk Holthaus.
SERIAL NO.: 09/816,054 ✓
FILED: March 21, 2001
FOR: Method of an Apparatus for Operating a Multistage
Counterflow Cascade Washer
EXAMINER: Saeed T. Chaudhry Group: 1746

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 3, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated August 14, 2003 Applicant hereby appeals the final rejection of claim 5 by the Examiner. A Petition for a two-month extension of time is filed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee required under 37

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C.F.R. §1.17(b) of \$320.00 to our Deposit Account No. 50-0955. A duplicate copy of this Notice is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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